(b) A Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) was formed in September, 1986 and one of its objectives is to involve voluntary organisations in the implementation of projects for rural develpment. CAPART provides assistance to voluntary organizations to undertake projects, depending upon the local needs of a particular area, for the enhancement of rural prosperity.

The Government had suggested to all State Governments/Union Territories to constitute Block Level Advisory Committees and also to associate non-officials and representatives of the people with these Committees, to review the credit linked Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). The banks have also been advised to review their performance in providing credit to rural areas and other activities included in the priority sector in District Level Review Committee (DLRC), which also includes some non-officials as members.

Industrial Relations Commission

*454. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to set up an Industrial Relations Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Industrial Relations Commissions/High-powered Tribunals, both at the Centre and in the States, are proposed to be set up as part of new set up for handling industrial relations.

(b) The Commissions will comprise judicial and non judicial members, the latter being selected from amongst persons having eminence in the fields of industry, labour and management. These Commissions are proposed to be entrusted with the functions of adjudication of industrial disputes (other than these assigned to the Labour Courts) and hearing of appeals against the orders of the Labour courts.

Checking of Smuggling

*455. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are setting up a Central Committee to combat smuggling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that preventive collectorates are being set up along the Indo-Pak, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Burma borders with special emphasis to detect smuggling of gold, synthetic yarn and synthetic fabric respectively from across the borders of these countries; and

(c) whether smuggling of drugs is also to be checked; if not, what are the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referred to setting up of a Central Committee of Senior Officers of agencies concerned with anti-smuggling work as directed by the Hon'ble Finance Minister during the Conference of Collectors of Customs on anti-smuggling work which was convened at Delhi on 17th September, 1987. The Committee consisting of senior officials of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, the Coast Guard, the Border Security Force and the Department of Revenue has been constituted under Finance Ministry's orders dated 21st October, 1987. It would enable the agencies concerned to exchange information and to take co-ordinated action so that the total anti-smuggling effort is strengthened.

(b) A proposal for general restructuring of the Customs and Central Excise Department is under consideration.

(c) The anti-smuggling drive, in general, has been intensified throughout the country to prevent the smuggling of goods, including drugs.

Multiplicity of trade unions

*456. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 124 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1987 and state what progress has since been made in the matter of bringing forward a comprehensive legislation to check the multiplicity of trade unions in an industrial unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): The proposed Bill is under finalisation.

Irregularities in N.T.C. Ltd., New Delhi

*457. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Textiles Corporation Limited, New Delhi is reported to have violated relevant provisions of the Companies Act in conducting its business;

(b) whether the Corporation has not yet finalised its annual accounts for the year 1986-87 nor has it formulated the annual production plan and the Memorandum of Understanding for the year 1987-88;

(c) whether the Corporation has been defying decisions of the Board of Directors; and

(d) if so, what action is being proposed to be taken to remove the present management and appoint competent management immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The annual accounts of (NTC Holding Company) for the year 1986-87 have been finalised. They have, however, yet to be adopted by the AGM. The annual production plan and the Memorandum of Understanding for the 1987-88 has been prepared by NTC and is under consideration of the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

भोपाल गैस पीड़ितों को ऋणों का सवितरण

*458. **श्री चन्द्रिका प्रसाद त्रिपाठी :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्टेप अप योजना के अन्तर्गत भोपाल गैस पीड़ितों को ऋणों का संवितरण किये जाने के सम्बन्ध मे क्या प्रगति की गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ऋणो की स्वीकृति देने की गति बहुत धीमी है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसको तेज करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ; और

(घ) सरकार असहयोगी बैंकों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) से (घ) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि बैंकों ने शहरी गरीबो के विशेष प्रशिक्षण और रोजगार कार्यक्रम (स्टेप अप) के अन्तर्गत भोपाल गैस पीड़ितो के 16456 मामलों मे 9.53 करोड़ रुपए की राशि मंजूर की है। आगे चल कर यह भी बताया गया है कि सितम्बर, 1987 के अन्त तक 14279 मामलों मे 7.89 करोड़ रुपए की राशि का भुगतान किया जा चुका था।

इन ऋणो को मंजूर करने और इनके सवितरण के बारे मे प्रगति पर अपर कलक्टर, भोपाल और संस्थागत वित्त निदेशालय, मध्य प्रदेश, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक;